

SENATOR DeCAMP: The concept of this amendment is as follows: I think there is a certain right to privacy. I think that sunshine as it exists and that system is conscientiously disliked and opposed by a number of people and I think that those people should have the choice of going before their electorate and saying, hey, I don't like that law. If you want to know something about me, I will tell you but I want outside that law, I, as a politician, and so this would offer the politician the opportunity to file a form or do whatever and it would show right on the ballot so there wouldn't be any hiding that he has elected outside of this. It could be used against him, could be used against him. So before I put something like this on Senator Warner's bill, I would like to ask Senator Warner a question. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Senator Warner, since this would be a major departure from sunshine and the sunshine concept and it would be on your bill, if it were adopted, do you have strong opposition to me using your bill for putting this concept in the sunshine bill?

SENATOR WARNER: Senator DeCamp, I have always understood that the will of 25 votes in here can amend any bill, and if the judgment of the body is to adopt this amendment with those 25 votes, I certainly would not oppose it and I expect I will vote with you.

SENATOR DeCAMP: You would support the concept then?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

SENATOR DeCAMP: As I say, it is fairly simple. If I am not able to repeal the sunshine and go back to a system we had that was working, then I want, as an alternative the opportunity to say, hey, look, I think that system is wrong. I am responsible to my people here. I am willing to go on the ballot and say I don't like that law, I want to be outside of it and this will allow me the opportunity to do so. As I say, I think you are balancing constitutional rights and I think there is a constitutional right of privacy, and more important than that, I think sunshine as it has been designed takes your responsibility and accountability away from your people, the people who elect you, the people who should know you, and puts it under a commission, a commission that you have nothing to do with. So this would give those who want the opportunity and option to be accountable to their people and that is all I am trying to do here.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Motion on the desk, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Read the motion.

CLERK: Read Warner amendment found on page 831 of the Legislative Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, the amendment that was adopted